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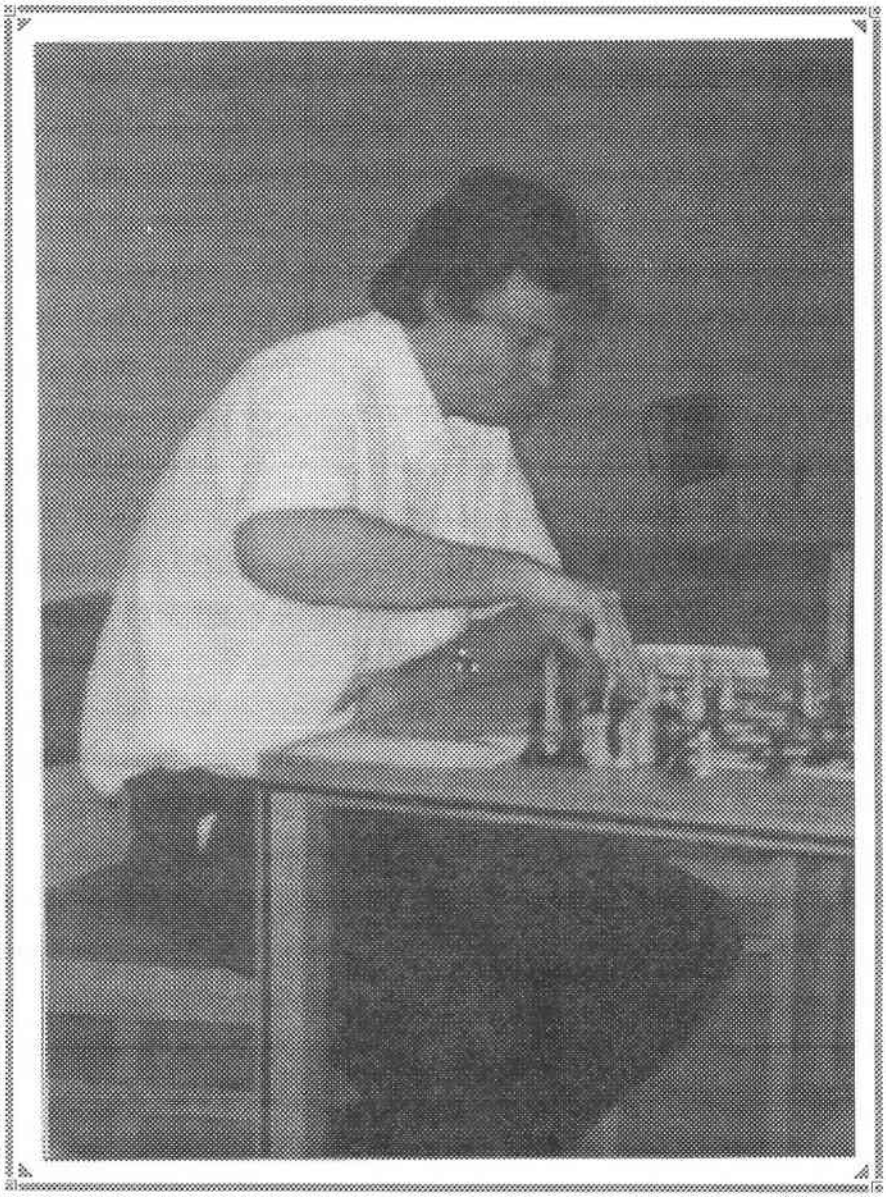

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President's Letter

My last President's letter was too wordy. It took up two whole pages. I'll try to keep this one short and save a tree. Here are my answers to a few questions:

1) How is the USCF doing? The USCF just held elections for its Policy Board. Millions of trees were killed to support this effort. Some say the USCF is losing money at an alarming rate. Others say there isn't really a problem. I doubt that matters are critical but there appears to be some serious problems. I don't foresee any near term problems with core benefits such as the publishing of Chess Life or School Mates. I also don't see any problems with the popular USCF rating system.

2) How does it feel to be nominated for Chess Journalist of the Year? Rhodes Peele went WAY beyond the call of duty in preparing a heavy tome containing all my Antics articles for the past few years. He sent this in along with a nomination for Chess Journalist of the Year. I'm flattered and speechless. I don't expect to win, but Rhodes did such an outstanding job that I may actually have a shot.

3) Which top chess players have recently moved to/from Alabama? On the sad front, Andrew Whatley has left for Texas on a chess scholarship. His play will be missed from tournaments all over Alabama. He may still write some for the Antics, though. On the happy front, Stuart Rachels and Frank Camaratta have just moved back into Alabama. We can only benefit if either of these strong players decides to become involved in Alabama chess.

Enjoy the issue!

Bill Melvin

From the Editor

This issue of Antics, the 13th that I've edited, has been an unlucky one for me. Some months ago, my home computer caught a nasty virus that corrupted my 2nd hard drive, ruining the software that I use to typeset Antics and erasing nearly all of the E-mails that had been submitted as articles for publication. All this happened at the worst possible time in that my professional workload is greatest during the fall. I wish to thank my computer savvy colleagues at AUM, Don Chambless and Pante Stanica, for purging and reformatting my hard drive. Fortunately I had on hand hard copies of most of the submitted articles, and I have typeset these by hand for this and the next issue. (Since we knew this issue was going to be very late, the State Championship was promoted by a separate mailing. The ad is reprinted in this issue for archival purposes.) To the ACF membership I can only say mea culpa, and I'm doing my best to get the publication schedule back on track.

Rhodes Peele

Winning the US Junior Open *by Andrew Whatley*

Recently, I went to the US Junior Open in Tucson, Arizona. This was the first time that I had played in the Junior Open in nine years. There were quite a few differences from the eight-year-old boy that had participated in it in 1989 and 1990 and the almost eighteen-year old teenager who participated in 1999. Here are a couple. When I was eight, my dad drove me to the tournaments in Murray, Kentucky and Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1999 I flew from Montgomery to Dallas, Dallas to Phoenix, and was driven to Tucson by one of my internet chess students with whom I stayed. When I was eight, I played in the Under-13 section (my rating was around 1300 in 1989, 1550 in 1990) and was a bit amazed at the top section where people had ratings over 1800. When I went this year, I was the top-seeded player (rated 2263) in the Under-21 section.

Although the tournament was far away, I did see some people that I knew. The Fairhope team had come! (I had played three of these players in the 1999 Alabama Scholastic Championships.) It was good to see familiar faces from my home state. (I was even able to join their team for the team competition!) In addition, I saw a few people that I knew including John Bick (1996 Denker Champion) and Andrei Dokoutchaev (my roomate in college whom I met at the Pan-Ams last December.) The tournament was turning out great and the games hadn't even begun.

Now on to the tournament. I decided to play round one on Friday night so that I wouldn't have to play three games on Saturday. After a fairly easy game on Friday night and Saturday morning, I played a somewhat long (four hour) game Saturday night when I set a personal record of 47 minutes on one move and later won. Meanwhile, other top boards were losing. An expert and master lost in round one. Andrei lost round two after forgetting the round time and arriving an hour late to a G/90. (His opponent allowed him to play, but Andrei lost due to a shortage of time.) Then Bick lost in round 3. With everyone above 2100 eliminated but me, I became distracted and perhaps a bit overconfident. Indeed, this distraction seriously hurt me in round four, when I misplayed a better position and was lucky to draw after over five and a half hours of play. With a section of over forty going into round 5, there was one player with 4 points, and three others and I had 3.5 points. So going into the last round, I was in a must-win situation against the leader

1999 U.S. Junior Open
Tucson, Arizona
July 18, 1999

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Macauley Peterson (1925) v. Andrew Whatley (2263)

When my opponent arrived at the board three minutes late, we shook hands and he said, "How bad do you want it." This was exactly what I had to prove. I felt tired.

1. e4	**e6**
2. d4	**d5**
3. Nd2	**Nf6**
4. e5	**Nfd7**

Good ol' Tarrasch Defense of the French. Now I wouldn't have to worry about time and would be familiar in the position. Or so I thought ...

5. Bd3	**c5**
6. c3	**Nc6**
7. Ne2	**cxd4**
8. cxd4	**Qb6**
9. Nf3	**f6**
10. exf6	**Nxf6**
11. O-O	**Bd6**
12. Nc3	**...**

Position after ***12. Nc3***

Having blitzed to this theoretical position, we how had nearly two hours for 28 moves. After 12. Nc3, I decided to play a little trap instead of castling.

12. ...	**Bd7**
13. a3?! (1:49)	**Nxd4**
14. Nxd4	**Qxd4**

The trap is that after 15. Bg6+, Black will win a piece after hxg6 16. Qxd4 Bxh2+ 17. Kh1 Be5+ 18. Kg1 Bxd4. However, after his 15th move, he gets compensation for his pawn.

15. Nb5	**Qe5**(1:54)
16. f4 (1:40)	**...**

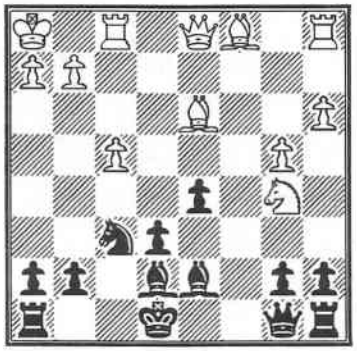
It should be noted that 16. Nxd6 is playable, giving white the two bishops and a tangible weakness on e5 to exploit, while 16. g3 is met with Bxb5 17. Bxb5+ Ke7, where black should be better after 18. ... Qh5.

16. ...	**Bc5+**
17. Kh1	**Qb8**

I felt confident here. I had only looked at this position (and no further) two years ago, and Chess Genius (CG) said that it was .6 or .8 better for black. Unfortunately, white's real play had just begun and Chess Genius had not accurately assessed white's counterplay.

18. b4 (1:37)	**Be7**(1:46)

I rejected Bb6 because of 19. Bb2 O-O 20. Be5 Qd8 21. Nd6 Rb8 22. Nb5. After the rook move I thought Nd6 would lead to a draw by repetition, and had to play for a win in this game. But after 22. Nb5, Bxb5 simply gives me an advantage.



Position after ***18. ... Be7***

19. Bb2 (1:33)	**O-O**
20. Be5 (1:30)	**Qd8**
21. Nd4 (1:18)	**...**

CG: 21. Nc7 (.12 black – minute edge) is better with ideas of Rc1 and Qc2. Note the white knight has become a rock on c7, restricting my pieces. After Ne4, the centralized knight is well placed, but also allows counterplay.

21. ...	**Qe8**(1:37)

The ideas here were to threaten a queen trade after .... Qh5, and to play for ... a5 23. b5 a4, and ... Bc5, ... Bxd4 and ... Bxb5.

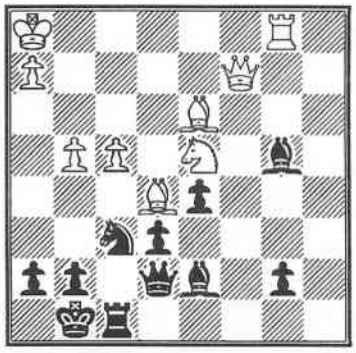
22. g4(1:01)	**a5** (1:29)

CG: 22. ... h5 23. h3 (23. g5 Ng4 .87 black) hxg4 24. hxg4 Ne4 25. Bxe4 dxe4. Here's where human imagination comes in. CG gives 26. Qc2 as best, but after ... Qg6 27. Qc7 Qxg4 28. Qxd7 Qh3+ 29. Kg1 Qg3+ 30. Kh1 Kf7 31. Qxe6+ Ke8 and Rh8 mate is coming. Instead, after 26. Qe2, Qg6 27. Rae1 (Rac1 Rfc8) a5 (Bh4!?) 28. Qxe4 Qxg4 29. Qxb7 Kf7 30. Qg2 Rh8+ 31. Kg1 Qxg2+ 32. Kxg2 axb4 1.3 black). After 22. a5, simply 23. b5 should be best, not allowing my bishop to get to c6. Then I would have probably played a4. My ideas of then trying to win the b5-pawn would probably have been too slow when compared to his attack on the kingside.

23.Qc2?(0:44)	**axb4**(1:21)

Now I definitely get counterplay as I win the b4-pawn.

24. axb4	**Rxa1**(1:13)
25. Rxa1	**Bxb4**(1:09)
26. Rb1?!(0:40)	**Qe7**(0:55)



Position after ***26. ... Qe7***

I wondered if he was merely going for the draw by trying to round up by b-pawn. 26. g5 would have offered more chances. There might follow 26. ... Ne4 27. Bxe4 dxe4 28. Qxe4 Bc5 , with the idea of taking his knight and playing on the a8-h1 diagonal. The presence of queens, opposite color bishops,

and an open king to work with should have given me good play for the win. After Rb1, this concept was easier to achieve. After 26. Rb1 Qe7 27. g5 Ne4 28. Bxe4 dxe4 29. Qxe4 Bc5 30. Rxb7 Bxd4, then if 31. Qxd4 Bc6+, while if 31. Bxd4 then ... Qd6 followed by ... Bc6 should win.

27. Qg2?!(0:18) **Be8**(0:38)

Black defends his b7-pawn and now meets 28. g5 with Ne4 29. Bxe4 dxe4 30. Qxe4 Bg6.

28. Rb3? (0:15) **Nd7** (0:34)

29. Qb2? now fails to ... Nxe5 30. fxe5 (30. Rxb4? Nxd3) Qh4! 31. Rxb4 Rf2.

29. Qh3 (0:09) **h6** (0:31)

When choosing between ... g6 and ... h6, I simply notice that I will have a better bishop on e8 after ... h6, than after ... g6.

30. g5? (0:05) **...**

White now goes for broke.

30. ...	**Nxe5** (0:27)
31. fxe5	**Qxg5**

31. Rxb4 would allow ... Qc1+ 33. Kg2 Qd2+ and ... Qxb4.

32. Qxe6+	**Kh8**
33. Qb6??	**Qc1+**
34. Kg2	**Bc5**
35. Qc7	**Qg5+**
36. Resigns	

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After the game, I felt great that the main tournament was finally over. However, there was still more to come! On board three, Andrei had beaten a 3.5, but on board two, one 3.5 (Xiao Zhang) beat the other, tying me for first place. Now under normal circumstances, standard tie breaks would have applied (in which case Zhang would have prevailed because he had beaten both Andrei and Bick!) But, because this was a national tournament with the winner seeded into next year's US Junior Championship, two 15 minute games were played to determine the U.S. Junior Champion. Here they are.

Playoff Game #1 (G/15)
White: Xiao Zhang
Black: Andrew Whatley

1. d4	**Nf6**
2. c4	**c5**
3. d5	**e6**
4. Nc3	**exd5**
5. cxd5	**d6**
6. e4	**g6**
7. Bd3	**Bg7**
8. Nf3	**O-O**
9. O-O	**Bg4**
10. h3	**Bxf3**
11. Qxf3	**a6**
12. a4	**Nbd7**
13. Bf4	**Qc7**
14. b3	**Nh5**
15. Rac1	**Nxf4**
16. Qxf4	**Ne5**
17. Qe3	**Qa5**
18. f4	**Ng4**
19. hxg4	**Bd4**
20. Resigns	

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Playoff Game #2 (G/15)
White: Andrew Whatley
Black: Xiao Zhang

1. d4	**d5**
2. Nf3	**Nf6**
3. e3	**e6**
4. Bd3	**Bd6**
5. O-O	**O-O**
6. b3	**b6**
7. Bb2	**Bb7**
8. Ne5	**Bxe5**
9. dxe5	**Nfd7**
10. Nd2	**c5**
11. f4	**Nc6**
12. Qe2	**f5**
13. exf6	**Nxf6**
14. e4	**dxe4**
15. Nxe4	**Nd4**
16. Qe1	**Qe7**
17. Bxd4	**cxd4**
18. Ng5	**Rfe1**
19. Bc4	**Bd5**
20. Bxd5	**Nxd5**
21. Qe4	**Nf6**
22. Qxd4	**e5**
23. Qc4+	**Kf8**
24. fxe5	**Resigns**

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End of 2nd Playoff Game

Space City Open Games *by Bill Melvin*

I finished in clear first place at the Space City Open with 4 wins and 1 draw. Here are three of my games from the event.

Space City Open – 4/24/99
Rd. 2, Bd. 2; 40/90; SD/30
Bill Melvin (2271) vs.
Andy Reeder (2103)
Sicilian Defense

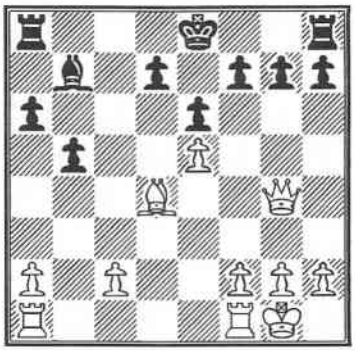
1. e4	**c5**
2. Nf3	**Nc6**
3. d4	**cd**
4. Nd4	**e6**
5. Nc3	**Qc7**

What should I do in this opening anyway? I don't have a good feel for this position and often lose a pawn. Nonetheless, I almost always win. I just refuse to lose any Sicilian where black swaps the f8 bishop for the c3 knight.

6. Be3	**a6**
7. Be2	**Nf6**
8. O-O	**Bb4**
9. Nc6	**Qc6**
10. e5	**...**

White has many attractive looking candidate moves here. Nunn's Chess Openings gives 10. Bf3 Bc3 11. bc3 O-O 12. Qd4 with a slight advantage to white in Arakhamia-Sheldon, Isle of Mann 1993.

10. ...	**Bc3**
11. bc3	**Nd5**
12. Bd4	**Nc3**
13. Qd2	**Ne2**
14. Qe2	**b5**
15. Qg4	**Bb7**



*Position after **15. ... Bb7***

Hmmm. Guess I don't want 16. Qg7 O-O-O after all.

16. f3	**Rg8**
17. c3	**g5**
18. h3!	**Rg6**

The whole idea behind this maneuver is probably bad. The rook is misplaced on g6.

19. a4	**h6**
20. ab	**ab**
21. Ra8	**Ba8**
22. Ra1	**Bb7**
23. Kh2	**Qd5**
24. Ra7	**Qc6**

Black is content to sit and wait. I don't think that is a good idea. White only needs to infiltrate with queen, rook and bishop to end the game. I was happy here.

25. Bf2	**Qd5**
26. Qb4	**Bc6**

Black can probably hold things together after 26. ... Qe5 27. Bg3 Qd5 28. c4 Qc4 29. bc4 30. Rb7 d5. Lots of imbalances here with the inactive black rook and the black pawn horde. White could try 29. Qd6 in this line, but 29. ... Qc8 30. Be1 e5! and black appears to hold a draw.

27. Rc7	**Kd8**
28. Qa5	**Ke7**
29. Rc8	**resigns**

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Space City Open – 4/24/99
Rd. 3, Bd. 1; 40/90; SD/30
Peter Bereolos (2380) vs.
Bill Melvin (2271)
Benko Gambit

1. d4	**Nf6**
2. c4	**c5**
3. d5	**b5**
4. cb	**a6**

The Zaitsev variation always gave me headaches until I found the variation in this game.

5. Nc3	**ab**
6. e4	**b4**
7. Nb5	**d6**
8. Bf4	**Ne4**

I got crushed by Peter Bereolos last time we played one of these. I tried 8. ... g5 9. Bg5 Ne4 10. Bf4 Bg7 11. Qe2 Nf6 12. Ng6 Kf8 13. Nc8 Qc8 14. Qf3 Nd7?! 15. d6 and was miserable for the short time while the game lasted.

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My eighth move in this game is interesting. Some of the books sort of discredit it. My computer has me nearly convinced that black gets an advantage, though. This game did nothing to change that opinion. I was aware that Peter had played this line against GM Palatnik so I knew that it didn't have any surprise value. Most people freak out when they see 8. ... Ne4.

9. Qe2	**g5**

On 10. Qe4 gf4 11. Qf4 Bg7 12. Qc2 Bf5 and black has a great position. On 10. Bc1 Nf6 11. Bg5 Nd5 I also like black's position. Black is OK!

10. Be5	**de5**
11. Qe4	**Bg7**
12. d6	**Ra5**
13. Rd1	**...**

*Position after **13. Rd1***

My opening preparation ends here. I've got my dream position which is a tactical mess requiring no strategic planning whatsoever. I believe I've beaten Peter three times previously in similar positions. I only recall the one loss so I probably have him feeling a bit uncomfortable around here.

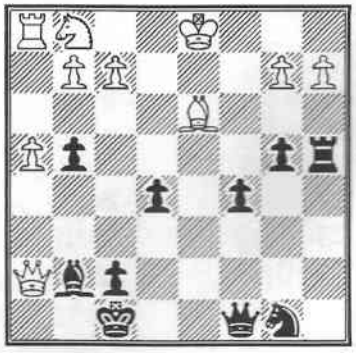
13. ...	**O-O**
14. h4	**g4**

I was starting to wonder if I wasn't just losing. I suppose I'm okay in variations like 15. Bd3 f5 16. Qc4 e6 17. Qc5 e4 followed by Bb2.

15. de	**Qe7**
16. Nd6	**...**

This is probably one of the key positions in the entire tournament for me. The knight will take up residence on f5 and force me to exchange the c8 bishop. That is unpleasant. There isn't a lot of margin for error against these 2380 guys and my position is starting to look ugly.

16. ...	**Rd8!**
17. Nc8	**Rd1**
18. Kd1	**Qd7**
19. Bd3	**Qc8**
20. Qh7	**Kf8**



*Position after **20. ... Kf8***

This is the position I foresaw as playable. I can meet 21. h5 with 21. ... Qd8 22. h6 Bf6. Suddenly, my king looks safer.

21. Bc4?!	**Qd7**
22. Ke1	**Qd4**
23. Qc2	**e4**

White's position is going nowhere fast. Behind in development with a falling queenside, he gives up a pawn to try to complete his development.

24. Ne2	**Qb2**
25. Qb2	**Bb2**
26. Ng3	**Nc6**
27. h5	**Ne5**
28. Bd5	**c4**
29. Be4	**Ra2**
30. Bb1	**Bc3**

*Position after **30. ... Bc3***

White is clearly losing now. I suppose he missed my 30th move. I thought for a couple of minutes before I saw it!

31. Kf1	**Rb2**
32. Bf5	**Nd3**

The domination is absolute! Note that 33. Bd3 cd3 34. f3 Rb1 35. Kf2 Bd4 is mate.

33. h6	**Rf2**
34. Kg1	**Bd4**
35. Kh2	**Be5**
36. h7	**Rd2**
37. Rf1	**Kg7**
38. Bg4	**Rf2**
39. Rh1	**Kh8**

I like this move for some reason. It takes all the fun out of

the position.

40. Bf3	**Rf3!**
41. gf3	**c3**
42. resigns.	

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Space City Open – 4/25/99
Rd. 4, Bd. 1; 40/90; SD/30
Bill Melvin (2271) vs.
Leonard Dickerson (2136)
Modern Defense

1. e4	**g6**
2. d4	**Bg7**

Okay, black hasn't forced anything. He is guilty of carrying hypermodernism too far. Guilty without a trial. If there is any opening variation where white should get an advantage, this must be it.

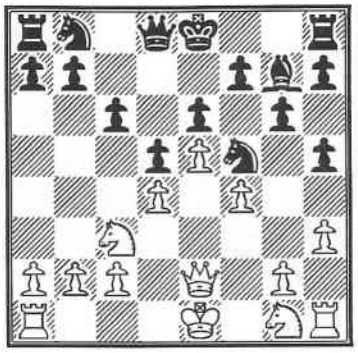
3. Nc3	**c6**
4. f4	**...**

Batsford Chess Openings 2 gives 4. Bc4 an exclamation point here. Nunn's Chess Openings likes the move too. Maybe this is the way to go.

4. ...	**d5**
5. e5	**h5**

Sometimes black delays h7-h5 for a couple of moves. I've had this position about a dozen times in tournament games over the years. My results aren't too hot (lots of draws).

6. Be2	**Nh6**
7. Be3	**Bg4**
8. h3	**Be2**
9. Qe2	**Nf5**
10. Bf2	**e6**



*Position after **10. ... e6***

11. Nf3	**Nd7**
12. Nd1	**Bf8**
13. Ne3	**Qb6**
14. Nf5	**gf5**
15. c3	**Be7**
16. Bh4	**Bh4**
17. Nh4	**c5**

With the trade of the dark squared bishops, I felt that my losing chances pretty much evaporated. Yet, my pawns become targets now. I don't dare play 18. dc as 18. ... Nc5 followed by ... Ne4 looks most uncomfortable. So I suddenly have a d4 pawn to watch over.

18. Nf3	**cd**
19. cd	**Qb4**
20. Kf2	**Rc8**
21. Rac8	**Ke7**
22. Qd2	**Qd2**
23. Nd2	**f6**
24. Nb3	**fe**
25. fe	**Nb8**
26. Na5	**b6**
27. Nb7	**Kd7**
28. Nd6	**Rc1**
29. Rc1	**Nc6**
30. Rd1	**Rg8**
31. g3	**a6**
32. draw	

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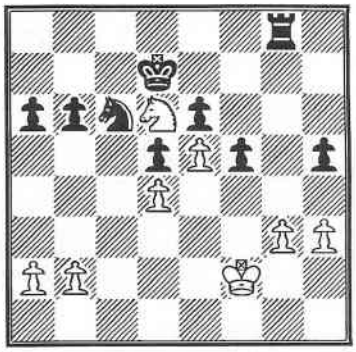

*Position after **31. a6 (draw)***

White cannot do anything in the ending while having to watch over both d4 and **g3**.

PROPOSED AGENDA
ACF Business Meeting
7:30 – 9:00 AM, 2/13/00
AUM, Montgomery

Call to order.

Reading of previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report.

Scholastic Report.

Committee Reports:
1. Budget
2. Club Development
3. By-laws
4. Scholastic

Old Business
Discussion and/or vote on old business, if necessary.

New Business
Discussion and/or vote.

Motion to Adjourn.

Richard Ellis
ACF President-Elect

The Birmingham Chess Club Presents ...

1999 Alabama State Chess Championship

and 46th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Chess Federation

LOCATION: Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center (BJCC) at the intersection of I-65 and I-59/20.

LODGING: Sheraton Birmingham Hotel (Birmingham's largest hotel) at BJCC, 2101 Civic Center Boulevard, Birmingham AL 35203, PHONE: (205) 324-5000. Indoor pool, workout gym, Casey's Sports Grill, Atrium Restaurant, Room Service, Self and Valet Parking, Gift Shop. **Special Tournament Rate:** $59 Single or Double (Ask for "Chess Rate")

REQUIREMENTS: Entrants residing in Alabama must be members of both USCF and ACF; entrants residing outside Alabama must be members of USCF and their own state chess federation. Unrated and Provisionally rated participants are eligible only for the Unrated Class Prize or the Open Prizes.

THREE SECTIONS

OPEN SECTION: Open to all players; provisional and unrated are eligible for 1st and 2nd prizes only. **1st, $500; 2nd, $300; Top Expert, $200.**

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

FORMAT: For all three sections, a six round Swiss system.

TIME CONTROL: Rounds 1-3, 30 moves in 60 minutes, then game in 60 minutes.
Rounds 4-6, 30 moves in 90 minutes, then game in 60 minutes.
Half-point byes accepted (in advance) for rounds 1-3 only.

SCHEDULE FOR ALL SECTIONS:

Sat. Sept 4
On-site reg, 7:30-8:30
Round 1, 9:00-1:00
Round 2, 9:00-1:00
Round 3, 7:00-11:00

Sun. Sept 5
Round 4, 9:00-2:00
Business meeting, 3:00-4:30

Mon. Sept 6
Round 6, 9:30-2:30

ENTRY FEE: $45.00 if preregistered before Aug. 22; on-site, $55.00.

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Space City Open April 24 and 25, 1999 Open Section									
#	Player	prev rtg	post rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Bill Melvin	2271	2296	W11	W4	W7	D2	W5	4.5
2	Leonard Dickerson	2136	2163	W14	W8	W9	D1	D3	4.0
3	Matther Puckett	2230	2222	W13	D5	D4	W9	D2	3.5
4	Andy Reeder	2103	2109	W18	L1	D3	W14	W11	3.5
5	Doug Hyatt	2026	2077	W21	D3	W8	W7	L1	3.5
6	Roger McIntyre	1745	1774	full bye	L9	W17	D11	W10	3.5
7	Peter Bereolos	2380	2348	W12	W10	L1	L5	W13	3.0
8	Gerald Larson	2120	2101	W15	L2	L5	W18	W12	3.0
9	Kirk Petty	1972	1968	W19	W6	L2	L3	W15	3.0
10	Lee Maring	2039	2000	W16	L7	D14	W15	L6	2.5
11	Bijan Khalegi	1920	1909	L1	W18	W16	D6	L4	2.5
12	Tim Bond	1921	1889	L7	W17	L15	W16	L8	2.0
13	David Hayes	1741	1726	L3	L14	W21	W17	L7	2.0
14	Chris Lasky	1668	1692	L2	W13	D10	L4	D18	2.0
15	William Orgain	1646	1666	L8	W19	W12	L10	L9	2.0
16	Wayne Hedger	1567	1568	L10	W21	L11	L12	full bye	2.0
17	Michael Begala	1304	1311	full bye	L12	L6	L13	W19	2.0
18	Mark Heavlin	UNR	1618	L4	L11	W19	L8	D14	1.5
19	Robert Ljubas	UNR	1231	L9	L15	L18	full bye	L17	1.0
20	Todd Andrews	2269	2269	forfeit	—	—	—	—	0.0
21	Charles Hays	1453	1435	L5	L16	L13	forfeit	—	0.0

Space City Open April 24 and 25, 1999 Reserve Section									
#	Player	prev rtg	post rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Michael Abron	1552	1583	D17	W22	W6	W4	W2	4.5
2	Mohamed Abdel-Ghany	1401	1445	W11	W13	W16	W5	L1	4.0
3	James Brown	1387	1431	W21	W10	L5	W13	W8	4.0
4	Jafar Daskar	1522	1533	D6	W7	W18	L1	W13	3.5
5	Troy Lambert	1473	1480	W19	W8	W3	L2	D7	3.5
6	Sherman Ashmore	1214	1275	D4	W23	L1	W10	W14	3.5
7	Jason Muhlendorf	——	1457	W23	L4	W9	W15	D5	3.5
8	Richard Ellis	1400	1381	W12	L5	W20	W16	L3	3.0
9	Brian McCormick	1344	1335	L10	W11	L7	W20	W16	3.0
10	Joshua Jones	——	1349	W9	L3	W17	L6	W18	3.0
11	Mathew Ayres	——	1251	L2	L9	W21	W19	W15	3.0
12	William Todd Davis	——	1156	L8	L15	D23	W17	W19	2.5
13	David Johnson	1575	1525	W15	L2	W14	L3	L4	2.0
14	Mark Grunberg	1428	1373	W20	L16	L13	W18	L6	2.0
15	Keith Artman	1341	1315	L13	W12	W19	L7	L11	2.0
16	Miles Melvin	877	902	full bye	W14	L2	L8	L9	2.0
17	Charles Yarbrough	1222	1192	D1	L18	L10	L12	W21	1.5
18	Donald Wade	——	1243	D22	W17	L4	L14	L10	1.5
19	George Dean	1013	998	L5	W21	L15	L11	L12	1.0
20	Steve Webb	1004	994	L14	full bye	L8	L9	forfeit	1.0
21	Pete Hammock	——	831	L3	L19	L11	full bye	L17	1.0
22	Charles Ashmore	1528	1502	D18	L1	forfeit	——	——	0.5
23	Johnny Maroney	——	1036	L7	L6	D12	forfeit	——	0.5

Vulcan Open Open Section Birmingham, May 29-30								
#	Player	Pre Rtg	Post Rtg	1	2	3	4	Score
1	A J Goldsby	2258	2260	D7	W8	W4	D3	3.0
2	Andy Reeder	2083	2106	D4	D7	W5	W6	3.0
3	Andrew Whatley	2264	2259	W5	L4	W7	D1	2.5
4	Danial Thomas	2209	2213	D2	W3	L1	W7	2.5
5	Ulric Aeria	2060	2032	L3	D6	L2	W8	1.5
6	Kirk Petty	1940	1936	forfeit	D5	W8	L2	1.5
7	Ray Downs	1966	1970	D1	D2	L3	L4	1.0
8	Mike Begala	1310	1396	firfeit	L1	L6	L5	0.0
Vulcan Open Reserve Section Birmingham, May 29-30								
1	Roger McIntyre	1717	1751	W8	W10	W3	D4	3.5
2	Michael Thorton	1722	1732	D4	W11	D6	W7	3.0
3	Scott Varagona	1691	1721	W5	W7	L1	W6	3.0
4	Giles D'Souza	1560	1637	D2	W12	W10	D1	3.0
5	Charles Hayes	1453	1478	L3	W14	W8	D10	2.5
6	W. V. Higginbotham	1685	1668	D11	W13	D2	L3	2.0
7	Gerald Wheeler	1587	1576	W14	L3	W13	L2	2.0
8	Mark Heavlin	1530	1533	L1	W9	L5	W12	2.0
9	Mohamed Abdel-Ghany	1400	1404	L10	L8	W14	W13	2.0
10	Roy Stanton	1675	1639	W9	L1	L4	D5	1.5
11	Donald Yessick	1455	1453	D6	L2	L12	W14	1.5
12	W. P. Collins	1636	1581	L13	L4	W11	L8	1.0
13	Richard Ellis	1400	1396	W12	L6	L7	L9	1.0
14	Robert Ljubas	——	1074	L7	L5	L9	L11	0.0
Vulcan Open Novice Section Birmingham, May 29-30								
1	Rotem Elgavish	1039	1204	W6	W2	L4	W8	3.0
2	Jordan Jones	1330	1307	W5	L1	D3	W4	2.5
3	Todd Davis	1159	1160	L4	W8	D2	W5	2.5
4	Greg Wilder	915	978	W3	D6	W1	L2	2.5
5	Stephen Webb	1004	1002	L2	full bye	D6	L3	1.5
6	Keith Arman	1341	1293	L1	D4	D5	forfeit	1.0
7	Mike Begala	1310	1326	W8	forfeit	——	——	1.0
8	Joshua Carter	1095	1043	L7	L3	full bye	L1	1.0

27th Queen of Hearts – Reserve Section – February 20-21, 1999									
	Player	prev	post	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	Juliano Joaquin	1326p	1576p	W23	W19	W9	W12	W3	5.0
2	John O'Connor	1447	1464	W21	W8	W13	L3	W11	4.0
3	Timothy Dewees	1401	1431	W27	W24	W6	W2	L1	4.0
4	John Caldwell	1556	1538	W10	L7	W15	W18	D6	3.5
5	Steven Ankerstar	1524	1500	L15	D11	W24	W22	W12	3.5
6	Charles D. Hays	1453	1461	W16	W25	L3	W7	D4	3.5
7	Jason Atchley	1302p	1367p	W29	W4	D12	L6	W13	3.5
8	John Bennett	1264p	1325p	W17	L2	W28	D13	W19	3.5
9	Michael Abron	1552	1530	L25	W14	L1	W17	W21	3.0
10	Michael Meredith	1161	1162	L4	W29	L18	W28	W22	3.0
11	Greg Benke	1024	1183	D14	D5	W23	W19	L2	3.0
12	Allen Woodard	1439	1432	W20	W15	D7	L1	L5	2.5
13	Donald Yessick	1403	1400	W26	W22	L2	D8	L7	2.5
14	M. Abdel-Ghany	1401	1400	D11	L9	hby	D21	W26	2.5
15	Trent Sims	1140	1169	W5	L12	L4	W27	D18	2.5
16	Kevin DeAndrade	1065	1101	L6	W20	L19	D23	W24	2.5
17	Ryan Crane	-	1344p	L8	D21	W20	L9	W23	2.5
18	Shafer Gaston*			L22	W26	W10	L4	D15	2.5
19	Richard Ellis	1400	1400	W28	L1	W16	W11	L8	2.0
20	James Brown	1387	1331	L12	L16	L17	W29	W27	2.0
21	Derek Woodham	1121	1136	L2	D17	W29	D14	L9	2.0
22	Matthew Ayres	-	1117p	W18	L13	fw	L5	L10	2.0
23	N. Hutchinson	1334	1282	L1	W27	L11	D16	L17	1.5
24	Stefanie Gerdom	702p	830p	bye	L3	L5	D26	L16	1.5
25	Jim Griffin	1230	1250	W9	L6	f	u	u	1.0
26	Warner Chandler	1041	1015	L13	L18	hby	D24	L14	1.0
27	Nathan. Chandler	900	887	L3	L23	bye	L15	L20	1.0
28	Andrew Chandler	811	782	L19	bye	L8	L10	L29	1.0
29	Robert Irving	556p	654p	L7	L10	L21	L20	W28	1.0

* Shafer's Gaston's USCF ID number was reported incorrectly to USCF (one digit was wrong) and this incorrect number unfortunately belonged to another USCF member. The error has been reported to USCF. This could have some effect on Shafer's and Shafer's opponent's postratings.

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